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SUBJ: STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION--PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND

CHILDREN IN EMERGENCY AND ARMED CONFLICT IN THE

STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, SELF-DETERMINATION, NATIONAL

LIBERATION AND INDEPENDENCE (ITEM 8)

REF: A. USUN 314; B. USUN 321

1. SUMMARY: COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW) CONCLUDED DEBATE ON SUBJECT ITEM WED, JAN 30, AND VOTED FOR DECLARATION INITIATED BY SOVIET-ORIENTED WOMEN'S INT'L DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (WIDF), INTRODUCED BY BYELORUSSIA AND COSPONSORED BY SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES, GUINEA AND EGYPT. DESPITE ITS LEGAL SHORTCOMINGS AND ITS OBVIOUS POLITICAL BIAS, DECLARATION WAS ADOPTED 20-0-7(US).
END SUMMARY.

2. CSW CONCLUDED DEBATE ON DECLARATION ON AGENDA ITEM 8, WED, JAN 30, BY PASSING IN MODIFIED FORM DECLARATION ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED AS NGO DOCUMENT BY WIDF. VOTE WAS 20-0-7(US) WITH FOLLOWING OTHER DELS ABSTAINING: BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, JAPAN, THAILAND, UK.

3. PRIOR TO VOTE AT URGING OF US DEL IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, INT'L RED CROSS (IRC) REP MADAME JUBARD, CORRECTED DELIBERATELY FALSE
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IMPRESSION LEFT BY EGYPTIAN REP THAT IRC SUPPORTED DECLARATION.

JUBARD STATED THAT FULFILLMENT OF IRC'S RESPONSIBILITIES COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED IF THE DRAFT PROTOCOLS WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE (DC) IN GENEVA PRESERVE THE PRINCIPLE OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY TO ALL ARMED CONFLICTS AND THAT ALL VICTIMS OF WAR WITHOUT DISTINCTION SHOULD RECEIVE THE PROTECTION OF THE IRC.

4. WIDF OBSERVER, FRIEDA BROWN, MADE MOST INTEMPERATE SPEECH OF ENTIRE DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT DERRIDING US AND UK LEGAL POSITION THAT CSW WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC, DECLARING THAT WOMEN AND CHILDREN VICTIMS OF COLONIST WARS WOULD CONSIDER THIS TOPIC MOST APPROPRIATE FOR CSW. SHE CITED PORTUGUESE COLONIALISTS "RAINING BOMBS AND NAPALM ON NON-COMBATANTS" AND THEN ATTACKED CHILE STATING THAT WIDF REPS HAD INTERVIEWED MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS WHO HAD ADMITTED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY MILITARY JUNTA.

5. IN Milder TERMS USSR ALSO CRITICIZED US AND UK POSITION THAT ISSUE WAS MOST APPROPRIATELY LEFT TO RED CROSS AND DC. USSR REP (TATIANA NIKOLAEVA) STATED THAT DECLARATION WOULD BE A UN DOCUMENT AND THAT HEREIN LAY ITS IMPORTANCE SINCE IT WOULD ENCOURAGE THE DC TO TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE TYPES OF EMERGENCY AND ARMED CONFLICTS CITED IN THE DECLARATION.

6. FINLAND STATED IT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A RES URGING THE DC TO ADOPT PROVISIONS PROTECTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND ALSO WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE GENERAL WORDING COVERING ALL CIVILIAN POPULATIONS "AND ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN." FINLAND, HOWEVER, HAD NO BASIC OBJECTIONS AND WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR BUT WITH THE FOREGOING RESERVATIONS. JAPANESE REP MISS AUAKO OBA MADE (AND MADE REFERENCE TO SORROW OVER VICTIMS OF ATOMIC BOMB) IT CLEAR THAT SHE DID NOT WISH TO RESERVE PERSONALLY BUT HAD TO DO SO ON HER GOVERNMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS. FRENCH REP MME. CHATON) STATED TEXT COULD LEAD TO AMBIGUITIES AND THAT IT WAS POSSIBLY IN CONFLICT WITH LAWS OF FRANCE. COLOMBIA (MRS. LILIA SANCHER) ROMAN) FOUND THE TITLE CONFUSING, POINTEDLY NOTING THAT SOME "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" ARE NOT REALLY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BUT ANARCHIC ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS.

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7. FOLLOWING THE VOTE CANADA STATED THAT CSW WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FORUM AND ACTIONS SUCH AS HAD JUST BEEN TAKEN WOULD WEAKEN FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THAT THIS ACTION WAS EVEN MORE UNDESIRABLE SINCE IT PRECEDED DC AND WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO DISCUSSIONS THERE. CANADA ALSO CRITICIZED FACT THAT TEXT DID NOT APPLY TO ALL CIVILIANS IN ALL SORTS OF ARMED CONFLICTS. UK REITERATED ITS ARGUMENTS AS REPORTED REFTEL AND NORWAY STATED THAT DECLARATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN APPLICABLE TO WHOLE

CIVILIAN POPULATION. CHINA (WU TAIEN) STATED HER DEL HAD SUPPORTED DECLARATION BUT REGRETTED THAT IT HAD FAILED TO CONDEMN IMPERIALISM AND OPPOSE COLONIALISM. CHINESE REPOTHEXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY AGAINST SOVIETS' CRITICISM THE PREVIOUS DAY OF CHINA'S NEGATIVE POSITION ON A WHOLE SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY. IN 20 ACRIMONIOUS MINUTES CHINA REP CATALOGUED SOVIETS' MANIFOLD SHORTCOMINGS IN EVERY ASPECT OF FOREIGN AND MILITARY POLICY.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS MADE BY CHINESE DEL:
EXPRESSED INDIGNATION AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, ZIONISM AND POWER OF TWO SUPERPOWERS WHO ARE CAUSES OF THREAT AND INTRANQUILITY IN THE WORLD TODAY. TWO SUPER POWERS ARE ENGAGED IN FRENZIED WAR PREPARATIONS AND SPREADING AGRESSION EVERYWHERE. USSR ENGAGED IN NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND MASTERY OF THE OCEANS AND SPREADING THEIR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE WHICH IS STRETCHING OUT TO FLAGRANTLY DISMEMBER SOVEREIGN STATES. IN MIDDLE EAST WAR, USSR WANTED TO SEND IN OWN ARMY. U.S. PUT ITS FORCES ON GLOBAL ALERT. TWO SUPER POWERS FIGHTING FOR POWER. CHINA TOOK STAND IN SECURITY COUNCIL BUT WANTED GENUINE DISARMAMENT. SOVIET PROPOSAL IS A FRAUD BECAUSE SOVIETS INTENSIFYING OWN ARMS RACE. CHINA WANTED DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. SOVIETS DO NOT WANT TO DELINEATE PARAMETERS OF MEETING AND DID NOT ASK FOR ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. TWO SUPERPOWERS IN FRENZIED ARMS RACE AND CREATING GLOBAL FEARS. USSR PRACTICING HEGEMONY AND THEY ARE DOUBLE-DEALERS.

SOVIETS RESPONDED BRIEFLY WITH WHAT DIGNITY THEY COULD MUSTER STATING THEY DID NOT INTEND TO ENTER INTO POLEMICS WITH THAT DEL WHOSE PERSISTENT SLANDERING OF THE SOVIET UNION HAD BECOME A HABIT AND CHARACTERISTIC. ACCUSING CHINESE OF INTENDING TO DIVERT THE CSW FROM THE AGENDA, THEY URGED A RETURN TO BUSI-
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